

# NEWS and GOSSIP of WASHINGTON



## President Seeks His Relaxation at the Theater



WASHINGTON.—President Wilson finds his greatest relaxation and rest from work in going to the theater. Like President Taft, Mr. Wilson enjoys an evening at the theater as the most complete diversion from official cares. It seems to make little difference to President Wilson whether the play is good or not, he is easily amused and entertained, maintaining a certain good-natured responsiveness to whatever happens to be on the boards, until every player who comes to Washington cherishes the ambition to "play to the president," because he never fails to appreciate the effort from the classic production to the noisiest slapstick.

The theater-going habit of President Wilson recalls the various modes of former presidents in finding recreation or diversion from the hard day's work in his office. President Van Buren walked and rode and played checkers for recreation. Andrew Jackson loved to smoke his old corn-cob pipe and was a patron of the cockpit and owned lots of birds. John Adams, who came into the White House before it was quite finished or ready for occupancy, was serious to moroseness, and was all but a recluse. President William Henry Harrison had the habit of going to the market for the vegetables and meats of the White House table, and upon one of these occasions, on a rainy morning when the market was chill and damp, he took the cold which resulted in his death.

President Hayes rode little, walked less, and read the greater part of his leisure time. Jefferson's costly French and Italian wines and Meades were one of the features of his administration, and President Madison thought that champagne was the most delightful of all wines when taken in moderation, but that more than a few glasses produced a headache the next morning. Consequently President Madison served champagne only at his dinners given Saturday night, when the margin of an idle Sunday might allow for the headache the next morning.

## Picturesque Costumes No Longer Worn in Capital

INTEREST in the personnel of the diplomatic corps is revived as the autumn advances and diplomats return from their summer outings. The lamentable thing for sightseers is that the legations are becoming so thoroughly Americanized that there is no novelty now in their appearance on Washington avenues. In former days the Turks, Persians, Siamese and even the Japanese kept to their native costume and made a most notable attraction in social affairs; now, however, they appear like everyone else in evening hats and frock coats, while their ladies wear exquisite Paris "creations." As one western visitor remarked, about all that is left of the national costumes is the Turkish ambassador's fez—which is nothing extraordinary now that the American shriner is often seen wearing it when remaining over after a convocation.

Formal social invitations from the lady of the White House will soon be forthcoming. They are embossed in Gothic type and delivered by messenger and tradition has it that they are "commands" and that previous engagements do not count—but this is only tradition. At the Turkish embassy the "command" cannot be obeyed, for religion forbids the Turkish women to appear in public. The exception comes when a member of the legation, as for instance, Ali Kuli Khan, the secretary of the Turkish embassy, chances to have as his wife an American woman. It is interesting to witness the informality of ambassadors as they chance to meet. After the summer a little group of diplomats were overheard discussing the delights and pleasures as well as the discomforts of the various American summer resorts. The coming season promises to be a lively one in Washington, and the diplomatic corps will take part in the merriment.—National Magazine.

## How "Uncle Jere" Rushed Into Fray; Is Not Sorry



CONGRESSMAN JEREMIAH DONOVAN of Norwalk, Conn., the representative from the Fourth district, and affectionately known by some as "Uncle Jere," as his predecessor was affectionately known by some as "Uncle Ebb," is a genius in the line of making his presence felt wherever fate locates him. It was so when he was a member of the state senate. No one ever knew when the serenity of that body would be stirred and bounced out of the window by the candid Jere. Even Stiles Judson, who was so often the instrument used by Jere to pry the lid off the box of hidden explosives, didn't know.

The Uncle Jere of the Connecticut state senate is the same Uncle Jere who has attracted the attention of the nation by his occasional attacks on fellow members in congress. He was in action in the house of representatives a few days ago. He lit out, as the saying is, for the Progressive members of that body. Mr. Murdock, who was discussing amiably upon the subject of government by caucus.

Uncle Jere took issue with the gentleman and denied that the caucus system was the fault of the legislative system at Washington, that the real fault was absenteeism, and as Mr. Murdock was a Chautauqua favorite, the blow landed in a vulnerable place. In a second there was an uproar. After sparring for a while with indignant congressmen, charging a Kentucky member with being rarely seen in his seat, Uncle Jere slung this out and the storm abated: "Well, they ought to resign and go home if they don't want to stay here on the job."

Uncle Jere is the sure Bernard Shaw of American politics. It is suspected that Uncle Jere plunges in where angels fear to tread, just to satisfy himself that the angels look plump. But he is never sorry.

## Prominent Men Lay Success on Hickory Switch

VICE-PRESIDENT MARSHALL at a discussion on corporal punishment claimed the leadership of the hickory switch league with a percentage well over 500. Admiral George Dewey, hero of Manila bay, occupies the center position with a percentage of .000045.

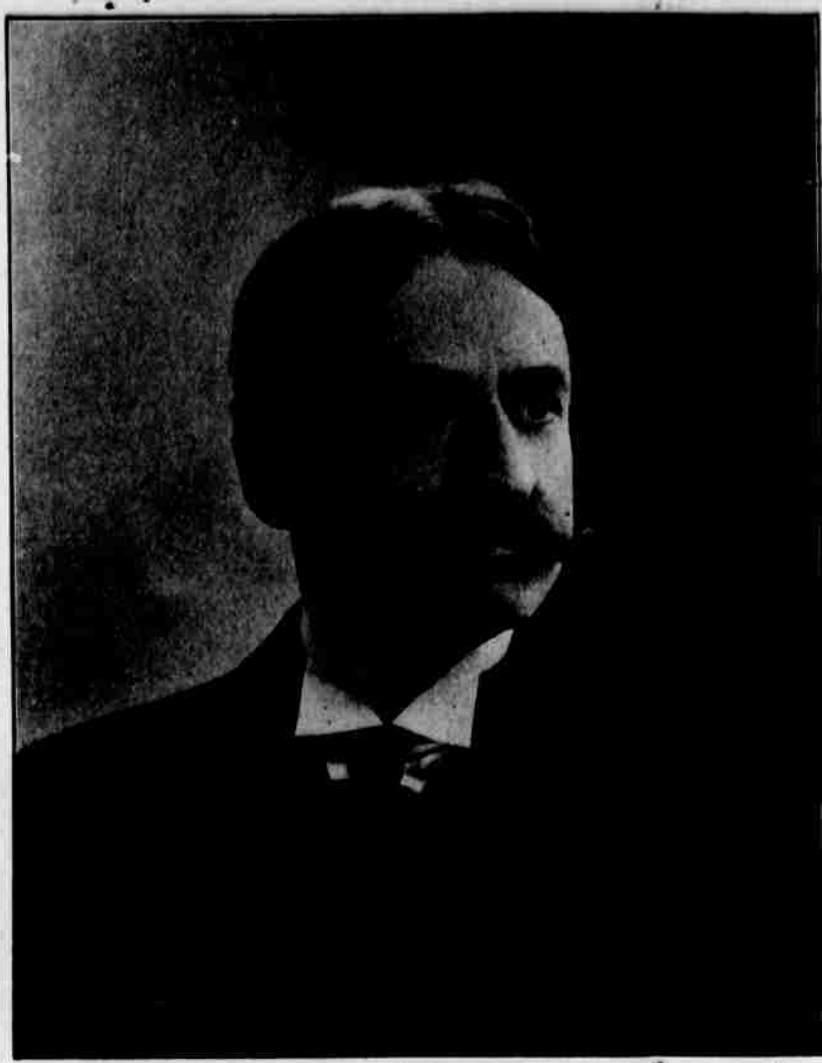
The vice-president attributes much of his success in the world to early spankings. "I cannot recall," he said, "any specific case just now, but I got in round numbers about 500 lickings. I never got spanked in the graded school, though. Mine were all of the home talent variety, personally conducted by my mother, a good old-fashioned Presbyterian who believed in a liberal use of the rod."

Secretary Daniels got his worst "licking" for celebrating too highly the birth of his country. Back in 1876, on the Fourth of July, he was assigned to hoe in the garden of the old homestead down in North Carolina. That was too much for his patriotic spirit and he rigged up his cannon, with which he intended to glorify the day, and shot the garden into fragments. The whipping was a result.

"If there is any good in me, I lay it first to baptism and second to the strap," the Rt. Rev. W. T. Russell said. "I don't care to make a confession to the public, but I was virtually hammered into shape."

Admiral George Dewey declares he was never "licked" by the enemy either at home or abroad. "I have been mildly chastised, like all other boys," the admiral said, "but I cannot recall any specific time that I was spanked."

Next Best. Kindly Disposed Magistrate—Don't you think this is a case that could be settled out of court? Plaintiff—I thought of that, but the coward won't fight.



BERNARD A. ECKHART.

Talked of by Republicans and Progressives for United States Senator.

## EAGLETS.

Republicans and progressives are talking of uniting on Bernard A. Eckhart for United States Senator.

The Chicago Eagle has always been the friend of the railroad employees and the strong organizations they maintain are named on the seventh page of this paper.

Ambrose A. Worsley would make an ideal judge of the municipal court. He is a life long democrat.

Patrick F. Haynes, the well-known former alderman, is much talked of for sanitary trustee.

The city council is pie for the Phone Trust, but poison for the railroad employees.

Electrification of the railroad means loss of employment to the majority of railroad employees.

As Adviser-in-Chief to the Trust Press, Colonel Milton Jonah Foreman has ordered a new city charter for

Chicago. It must come up to the standards of the Trust Press and of yours truly, Milton Jonah Foreman.

That there is anybody left alive and uninjured in this city is to be wondered at when one reads the statistics as to the number of automobiles in operation in Chicago furnished by the Associated Roads organization, which is co-operating with the city and county in bringing about the efficient repair and maintenance of the streets and roads of Chicago and Cook county. These statistics are garnered from the books of the city collector and are based on the wheel tax receipts.

According to these figures there are nearly 25,000 cars carrying wheel tags. Of this total there are 17,642 passenger cars of horse power with 14,593 in 1912; 2,394 of thirty-six horse power and up, as against 2,264 in 1912; 2,008 light delivery motor trucks, as against 1,680 last year; 3,475 motor trucks as against 593. This makes a total of 24,111 for 1913, and 20,285 in 1912.

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# MUNICIPAL NEWS

## Some Items of Interest From the Public Offices About Occur- rences of the Week.

The City Council on Monday night transacted following business: Passed an order creating a commission to study and report on municipal markets and other agencies to reduce the cost of living.

Referred an amendment to the building code removing the height limit on buildings.

Referred a resolution for the building of a garbage incinerating plant at the house of correction.

Passed an order for the investigation of the death of a city fireman and the prosecution of the owners of the building where the accident occurred.

Referred a resolution calling for an adjustment of rates charged by taxicab companies.

Accepted the resignation of Aldermen Merriam and Bellfuss from the commission on city expenditures.

The standing committees as recommended by the nonpartisan organization committee, the first named on each being chairman, and adopted by the council are:

Finance—Richert, Harding, Long, Emerson, Lawley, Bellfuss, Sitta, Pitts, Geiger, Krumholz, Lipps, Wilson, Twigg, Kearns, Holding.

Local transportation—Block, Mayer, Richert, Carr, Long, McDonald, Clancy, Healy (18th), Captain Lipps, Wilson, Twigg, Bergen, Fisher, Hassen, Toman, Donahoe.

Gas, oil and electric light—Sitta, Ryan, Long, Merriam, Block, Vavrick, Bellfuss, Walkowiak, Bowler, Burns, Hey, Haderlein, Twigg, Janovsky, Kearns, Bradshaw, Healy (35th).

Harbors, wharves and bridges—Littler, Kenna, Morris, Nance, Emerson, Kerner, Czekala, Gassolo, Geiger, Bauer, Hey, Freund, Trebing, McDermott, Swift.

Local industries—Fisher, Mayer, Carr, Klaus, Cullerton, Novak, Lawley, Czekala, Sitta, Schaeffer, Krumholz, Pritzel, Wilson, McDermott, Bergen.

Judiciary, legislation, elections and rules—Dunham, Coughlin, Helwig, Bowersdorf, Haderlein, Ahern, Clancy, Utpatel, Walkowiak, Powers, Bauer, Kjellander, Captain, Swift, Holding, Hazen, Held.

Streets and alleys, taxations and street nomenclature—Healy (18th), Coughlin, Norris, Cross, Klaus, McDonald, Utpatel, Kunz, Abrahams, Burns, Kjellander, Haderlein, McDermott, Swift, Toman.

License—Fitts, Norris, Ryan, Merriam, Cross, Vavrick, Novak, Ahern, Utpatel, Bowler, Hey, Haderlein, Janovsky, Bradshaw, Held.

Buildings and city hall—Clancy, Nash, Carr, Cross, Vanderbilt, Klaus, Bowersdorf, Walkowiak, Powers, Schaeffer, Pritzel, Trebing, Littler, Latchford, Healy (35th).

Schools, fire, police and civil service—Ryan, Harding, Mayer, Richert, Martin, Helwig, Block, Vavrick, Bowersdorf, Geiger, Kjellander, Bergen, Bradshaw, Held, Healy (35th).

Health—Fitts, Nash, Martin, Merriam, Vanderbilt, Cullerton, Ahern, Lawley, Kunz, Gassolo, Abrahams, Freund, Pritzel, Littler, Latchford.

Water—Toman, Kenna, Ryan, Martin, Helwig, Vanderbilt, Kerner, Kunz, Gassolo, Powers, Abrahams, Schaeffer, Freund, Latchford, Hazen.

Railway terminals—Geiger, Kenna, Harding, Richert, Helwig, Bowersdorf, McDonald, Utpatel, Healy (18th), Bowler, Schaeffer, Captain, Littler, Fisher, Donahoe.

The select committees named by Mayor Harrison in accordance with council resolutions were:

Track elevation—Janovsky, chairman; Fisher, Emerson, Kearns, Bauer, Nance, Czekala, Trebing and Nash.

Compensation—Harding, chairman; Bellfuss, Lipps, Krumholz, Holding, Pitts.

Bathing beaches and recreation piers—Norris, chairman; Bowler, Novak, Cross and Burns.

Special park commission—Alderman Bellfuss, chairman; Captain, Coughlin, Cullerton and McDonald, and Oscar F. Mayer, Jens Jensen, Cyril Fiala, Paul Drymalski, Peter S. Goodman, F. A. Lindstrand, Charles Beck, George Landau, Samuel J. Rosenblatt and the Rev. Julius Rappaport.



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